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For more than 25 years, the lawyers at The Moskowitz Law Firm, PLLC (“The Moskowitz Law Firm”) have successfully litigated significant class action and complex commercial cases involving the rights of consumers, investors, and businesses. The Firm and its attorneys consistently rank among the most highly regarded litigation attorneys locally and on the national stage — according to clients, judges, opponents, and professional journals — for effectiveness in and out of the courtroom.

***Adam Moskowitz.*** Mr. Moskowitz is the Founder and Managing Partner of The Moskowitz Law Firm and is experienced in all forms of class action claims, including civil conspiracy claims under the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (“RICO”) Act. Mr. Moskowitz serves and has served as Lead Counsel in some of the largest class action cases in Florida and nationwide. Mr. Moskowitz has been an Adjunct Professor at the University of Miami School of Law teaching Class Action Litigation for over 26 years. Adam has received numerous awards for his results including the “Most Effective Lawyer Award” for his work in litigating and resolving numerous nationwide force-placed insurance cases. Mr. Moskowitz filed one of the first class action lawsuits regarding these practices and has since spearheaded class action litigation in over 32 nationwide class actions brought against the largest banks or mortgage servicers and the force-placed insurers across the country, reaching 30 settlements to date totaling over \$4.2 billion dollars for the proposed nationwide classes of over 5.3 million homeowners.<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> See for example *Williams v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, No. 11-cv-21233 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted); *Saccoccio v. JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A.*, No. 13-cv-21107 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted); *Diaz v. HSBC Bank (USA), N.A.*, No. 13-cv-21104 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted); *Fladell v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.*, No. 13-cv-60721 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted); *Hamilton v. SunTrust Mortg., Inc.*, No. 13-cv-60749 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted); *Hall v. Bank of Am., N.A.*, No. 12-cv-22700 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted); *Lee v. Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC*, No. 14-cv-60649 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted); *Braynen v. Nationstar Mortg., LLC*, No. 14-cv-20726 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted); *Wilson v. Everbank*, N.A., No. 14-cv-22264 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted); *Montoya v. PNC Bank, N.A.*, No. 14-cv-20474 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted).

Prior to filing the FPI class actions, Adam Moskowitz served as Co-Lead Counsel in one of the largest MDLs, *In re: Managed Care Litigation*, MDL No. 1334. The MDL was finalized about 6 years ago and was actively litigated for about 7 years. Plaintiffs brought suit against the seven largest managed care providers on behalf of approximately 600,000 physicians alleging that these defendants engaged in a civil conspiracy in violation of the RICO Act. Adam Moskowitz worked almost all of his time assisting the Co-Lead team with every aspect of the case, including taking and defending depositions, coordinating with co-counsel, working with scientists, drafting pleadings, and helping with settlement efforts. Through this litigation before Judge Moreno, plaintiffs were able to revise the manner in which managed care is conducted with physicians throughout the country, and obtained almost a billion dollars in monetary relief. To date, this is the only certified nationwide RICO class action to be upheld by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeal.

Mr. Moskowitz was recently appointed Co-Lead Counsel for the Economic Loss and Property Damage Track in *In re: Champlain Towers South Condominium Collapse Litigation*, Case No. 2021-015089-CA-01 (Fla. 11th Jud. Cir.) to bring class claims on behalf of the victims of the catastrophic collapse of the Champlain Towers South condominium in Surfside, Florida. This resulted in a settlement for the victims of over \$1.3 billion.

Mr. Moskowitz was appointed as Co-Lead counsel in *In re Transamerica COI Litigation*, Case No. 2:16-cv-01378-CAS-AJW (C.D. Cal.), and reached a finally-approved nationwide settlement for a certified class of nationwide consumers who purchased life insurance policies from Transamerica Life Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Aegon—one of the world's largest providers of life insurance, pension solutions and asset management products—which resulted in recovering a gross Settlement Common Fund of over \$100 million, as well as extremely valuable injunctive relief for the nationwide class. Mr. Moskowitz also personally resolved the sole objection to the settlement with the objector's counsel who brought separate "copycat" Transamerica COI class actions in Iowa. Judge Snyder also recently granted final approval of a nationwide class action settlement regarding a very similar COI nationwide class action against Transamerica for the 2017 COI increases, which is currently pending appeal. *Thompson v. Transamerica Life Insurance Company*, No. 2018-cv-5422-CAS, ECF No. 197 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 16, 2020). Further, in *In re Fieldturf Multi District Litigation*, Case No. 3:17-md-02779-MAS-TJB (D.N.J.), U.S. District Judge Michael A. Shipp recently appointed Mr. Moskowitz as Co-Lead counsel for all of the plaintiffs

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granted); *Almanzar v. Select Portfolio Servicing*, No. 14-cv-22586 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted); *Jackson v. U.S. Bank, N.A.*, No. 14-cv-21252 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted); *Circeo-Loudon v. Green Tree Servicing, LLC*, No. 14-cv-21384 (S.D. Fla.); *Beber v. Branch Banking & Trust Co.*, No. 15-cv-23294 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted); *Ziwczyń v. Regions Bank*, No. 15-cv-24558 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted); *McNeil v. Selene Finance, LP*, No. 16-cv-22930 (S.D. Fla.); *McNeil v. Loancare, LLC*, No. 16-cv-20830 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted) (final approval granted); *Edwards v. Seterus, Inc.*, No. 15-cv-23107 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted); *Cooper v. PennyMac Loan Servicing, LLC*, No. 16-cv-20413 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted). *Strickland, et al. v. Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, et al.*, 16-cv-25237 (S.D. Fla.) (final approval granted for three separate settlements); *Quarashi et al v. Caliber Home Loans Inc. et al.*; 16-9245 (D.N.J.) (final approval granted).

after numerous class actions brought against Fieldturf were consolidated in the District of New Jersey earlier last year. The claims were brought on behalf of municipalities related to the marketing and sale of allegedly defective artificial fields, and class certification was granted.

Mr. Moskowitz has been appointed Lead and Co-Lead counsel in numerous other state and federal class actions, including resolving one of the nation's largest consumer class actions, *LiPuma vs. American Express*, No. 04-cv-20314 (S.D. Fla.). Mr. Moskowitz was also appointed Class Counsel in a finally-approved nationwide settlement with Spartan Race, Inc., in a nationwide class action arising from Spartan Race's business practices relating to its Racer Insurance Fee, *see Fruitstone v. Spartan Race, Inc.*, No. 1:20-cv-20836-BLOOM/Louis (S.D. Fla.), as well as in *Collins v. Quincy Bioscience, LLC*, No. 19-22864-Civ-COKE/Goodman, ECF No. 200 (S.D. Fla. Nov. 18, 2020), where Magistrate Judge Jonathan Goodman for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida granted final approval of a nationwide class action settlement resolving claims of a nationwide class of purchaser of the memory improvement supplement Prevagen.

Recently, in *Cherry v. Dometic Corp.*, No. 19-13242 (11th Cir. Feb 2, 2021), Mr. Moskowitz was successful in overturning a denial of class certification for failing to demonstrate the "administrative feasibility" of identifying class members. This decision represents a sea change in class action litigation in the Eleventh Circuit, which now joins the Second, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Circuits in rejecting any heightened ascertainability requirement purportedly inherent in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a).

In *Pain Clinic et al. v. Allscripts Healthcare Solutions, Inc.*, 12-49371 (Fla 11th Cir. Ct. 2012), Mr. Moskowitz reached a nationwide settlement against Allscripts Healthcare Solution on behalf of thousands of small physician practices regarding the sale and marketing of defective electronic healthcare software. Mr. Moskowitz has also served as Lead, Co-lead or as part of Plaintiffs' counsel in various nationwide class actions including *In re: Marine Hose Antitrust Litigation*, No. 08-MDL-1888-Graham/Turnoff (S.D. Fla.); *Natchitoches Parish Hospital v. Tyco (In re Sharps Containers)*, No. 05-cv- 12024 (D. Mass.) (serving as co-lead counsel in a nationwide antitrust class action on behalf of direct purchasers of containers for the disposal of sharp medical instruments); *Texas Grain Storage Inc. v. Monsanto Co.*, No. 5:2007-cv-00673 (W.D. Texas) (serving as co-lead counsel with Bruce Gerstein in a nationwide antitrust class action on behalf of direct purchasers of genetically modified seeds); *In re: Hypodermic Products Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 1730, No. 05-cv-1602 (JLL/CCC) (D. N.J.) (Linares, J.) (obtaining final approval of a nationwide settlement of an antitrust class action on behalf of direct purchasers of needle products); *In re: Mushroom Direct Purchase Antitrust Litigation*, No. 06-cv-006201 (E.D. Pa.) (representing direct purchasers of fresh agaricus mushrooms sold in the United States east of the Rocky Mountains in antitrust class action); *Miller v. Dyadic International*, No. 07-cv-80948 (S.D. Fla.) (consolidated securities fraud class action against biotech company arising out of material misstatements and omissions regarding financial improprieties of its subsidiaries in violation of federal securities laws); *Louisiana Wholesale v. Becton Dickinson, et al.*, No. 05-cv-01602 (D.N.J.); and *Bruhl v. Price Waterhouse Coopers, International, et al.*, No. 03-cv-23044 (S.D. Fla.). Adam is currently lead and co-lead counsel in numerous other class actions currently pending in state and federal courts across the country.

Mr. Moskowitz's practice also encompasses various other complex commercial litigation matters, arbitrations before FINRA and numerous jury trials. Adam obtained one of the largest jury verdicts in Miami-Dade County (over \$100 million dollars) in a jury trial against a global agricultural company on behalf of growers from the United States and Costa Rica. Adam has also served as chairperson in numerous NASD securities arbitrations, and actively participates in local and national seminars and panels, lectures across the country regarding class action litigation, and has published numerous articles on class action practices and settlements.<sup>2</sup> Mr. Moskowitz has actively served on numerous state and national class action organizations, including being appointed to the Duke Law Center for Judicial Studies Advisory Council and serves as the Topics Coordinator. The Council brings together all federal judges, experienced plaintiffs' and defense attorneys, and academics to develop practical solutions to legal issues by way of rule changes, best practices, guidelines, and principles. The Council conducts numerous national seminars each year, attended by hundreds of class action practitioners and federal and state judges. One such seminar was the "National Townhall Meeting Developing a Useful Framework to Address Alcohol Abuse, Drug Addiction, and Anxiety/Depression Among Bench, Bar, and Related Professionals," which included many great speakers (39 Panelists for 8 Panels), including many federal judges. Adam is married to his wife Jessica and has three children, Serafina, Michael and Samantha and is very active with his children's school Temple Beth Am in Miami, Florida. Attached are two personal articles about Adam Moskowitz, including one regarding his family being named "Family of the Year" for their synagogue this past year, based mainly on the great dedication and pro bono service by his wife to his children's school.

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<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., *The Right Way to Calculate Attorneys' Fees in Class Actions*, December 4, 2015, available at <http://www.law360.com/articles/733534/the-right-way-to-calculate-atty-fees-in-class-actions>.

**Howard Bushman.** Howard Bushman is a Partner at The Moskowitz Law Firm and a seasoned litigator with over 23 years of experience prosecuting nationwide class actions and mass tort litigation. Mr. Bushman is a central figure in litigating the lender placed insurance class actions listed in Footnote 1. Further, most recently, Mr. Bushman led the firm's prosecution of *In re: Lincoln National COI Litigation* Case No.: 2:16-cv-6605-GJP (E.D.Pa..) and *In re: Lincoln National 2017 COI Rate Litigation* 2:17-cv-04150-GJP (E.D.Pa.) which reached a finally-approved nationwide settlement for a class of nationwide consumers who purchased life insurance policies serviced by Lincoln National, recovering a Settlement Common Fund of over \$100 million.

Mr. Bushman prosecuted claims on behalf of investors who invested in a ponzi scheme perpetrated by Equialt, LLC. These claims resulted in a settlement of \$44 million. *SEC v. Davison, et al.*, Case No. 8:20-cv-00325-MSS-UAM, pending in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida. He has also effectively litigated the following class actions: *Kenneth F. Hackett & Associates, Inc. v. GE Capital Information Technology Solutions, Inc. et al.*, Case No.: 10-20715-CIV-ALTONAGA/BROWN (S.D. Fla.) (multi-million dollar settlement on behalf of a nationwide class of copier lessees whom were overcharged for their monthly payments); *Aarons et al. v. BMW of North America, LLC*, Case No. 2:11-cv-07667-PSG (S.D.Cal.) (multi-million dollar settlement on behalf of a nationwide class of owners of defective Mini-Cooper vehicles); *Lockwood et al. v. Certegy Check Services, Inc.*, Case No.: 8:07-CV-01657-SDM-MSS (M.D. Fla.) (nationwide data breach action resulting in a settlement valued at over \$75 million dollars); *Brenda Singer v. WWF Operating Company*, Case No.: 13-CV-21232 (S.D. Fla. 2013) (nationwide litigation regarding alleged deceptive marketing of evaporated cane juice; successfully settled nationwide class action over deceptive labeling of evaporated cane juice); *In Re: Countrywide Financial Corp. Customer Data Security Breach Litigation*, Case No. 3:08-MD-01998-TBR (WDKY) (class action on behalf of over 17 million consumers, achieved a settlement valued at over \$300 million dollars); *Eugene Francis v. Serono Laboratories, Inc., et al.* ("Serostim"), Case No. 06-10613 PBS (U.S. District Court of Mass.) (\$24 million cash settlement in a nationwide class action litigation against multiple entities regarding the deceptive and illegal marketing, sales and promotional activities for the AIDS wasting prescription drug Serostim); *In Re: Guidant Corp. Implantable Defibrillators Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 1708 (U.S. District of Minnesota) (\$245 million dollar settlement for patients in this nationwide mass tort class action regarding the sale of defective cardiac defibrillators and pacemakers); *In Re: Zicam Cold Remedy Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2096 (mass tort involving over \$15 million settlement).



Mr. Bushman has extensive experience litigating antitrust matters throughout the state of Florida as well. *See In re: Photochromic Lens Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2173, No. 8:10-md-02173-T-27EA (M.D. Fla.) (nationwide indirect purchaser antitrust class action on behalf of purchasers of photochromic lenses); *In re Florida Cement and Concrete Antitrust Litigation (Indirect Purchaser Action)*, No. 09-23493-CIV-Altonaga/Brown (S.D. Fla.) (statewide indirect purchaser antitrust class action on behalf of purchasers of cement); *Anna Vichreva v. Cabot Corporation, et al.*, No. 03-27724-CA-27 (Fla. 11<sup>th</sup> Jud. Cir. Ct.) (litigated and obtained the largest per-consumer Carbon Black state court antitrust class action settlement in the country).

As passionate for the law as he is for giving back to the local community, Howard recently received the Eleventh Judicial Circuit and Miami-Dade County Bar Associations' Put Something Back Pro Bono Service Award.

**Joseph Kaye.** Joey is a Partner at The Moskowitz Law Firm. Joey's practice focuses on multi-state consumer class action litigation, complex commercial litigation and multidistrict litigation. His experience litigating a broad range of disputes, including consumer protection, cryptocurrency, insurance, mass tort, construction defect, products liability, federal antitrust and securities litigation matters, allows him to serve as a valuable asset in representing the Firm's clients.

Joey contributes to the Firm's success by taking a leading role in many of its largest cases. Joey's recent significant involvements include serving as a member of the Steering Committee and Co-Chair of the Briefing Committee in the multidistrict litigation arising out of the collapse of the FTX cryptocurrency exchange, litigating putative nationwide class action suits arising out of the implosion of cryptocurrency exchanges Voyager Digital and Binance, as well as numerous finally-approved nationwide class action settlements of claims of unfair and deceptive practices by large corporations in their marketing and sales of various consumer products and services, health supplements, insurance and investment products.



Joey has also been instrumental in favorably expanding the law on important areas of class action litigation for plaintiffs. In *Las Olas Company Inc., et al. v. Florida Power & Light Company*, *et al.*, representing a class of businesses forced to close after contractors negligently ruptured a water main during a directional drilling operation, Joey helped The Moskowitz Law Firm attain the first reported decision since the Florida Supreme Court decided *Engle v. Liggett Group, Inc.*, 945 So. 2d 1246 (Fla. 2006), affirming a litigated certification of a liability issue class pursuant to Florida Rule of Civil Procedure 1.220(d)(4). *Infratech Corp. v. Las Olas Co.*, 320 So. 3d 751 (Fla. 4th DCA 2021). Joey then helped the Firm attain a jury verdict finding the contractor 98% liable for the class's damages. The 17th Judicial Circuit Court then finally approved a class action settlement that paid damages to all class members who submitted valid claims and included valuable injunctive relief.

Joey has also had great success in opposing objections and attaining final approval of nationwide class action settlements, as in *Fruitstone v. Spartan Race, Inc.*, No. 1:20-cv-20836-BLOOM/Louis (S.D. Fla.) (arising from Spartan Race's business practices relating to its Racer Insurance Fee) and *Collins v. Quincy Bioscience, LLC*, No. 19-22864-Civ-COOKE/Goodman, ECF No. 200 (S.D. Fla. Nov. 18, 2020) (involving claims of purchasers of the memory improvement supplement, Prevagen), where they achieved the *Collins* settlement after Magistrate Judge Jonathan Goodman recommended certification of a litigated Florida statewide issue class pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(c)(4), which would have bifurcated the proceedings into liability and damages phases. *Collins*, No. 19-22864-Civ-COOKE/Goodman, ECF No. 119 (S.D. Fla. Mar. 19,

2020). Joey was also integral in helping to overturn the onerous “administrative feasibility” requirement imported into the “ascertainability” standard for class certification, which benefits class action plaintiffs throughout the nation. *Cherry v. Dometic*, 986 F.3d 1296 (11th Cir. 2021).

Joey was also actively involved in litigating to protect the interests of victims of the collapse of the Champlain Towers South Condominium before Judge Michael Hanzman in the Miami-Dade Complex Business Litigation Division in *In re: Champlain Towers South Collapse Litigation*, No. 2021-015089-CA-01, which resulted in over a billion dollar settlement for the victims that was finally approved by the Court one year after the tragic collapse.

Prior to joining The Moskowitz Law Firm, Joey began his practice at 23 years old at a commercial litigation boutique in Aventura, where he represented businesses and individuals in a variety of disputes involving breach of contract, commercial transactions, fraud, business torts, deceptive and unfair trade practices, intellectual property, probate, guardianship, and trust litigation, at both the trial and appellate court levels, as well as in arbitration. For example, Joey successfully represented plaintiffs in *Oded Meltzer, et al. v. NMS Capital Group LLC, et al.*, Case No. 1:17-cv-23068-UU (S.D. Fla.), who sought a declaratory judgment that they were not bound to an arbitration agreement they entered into as representatives of their business entities, and an injunction enjoining defendants from joining them as parties to arbitration of a multi-million-dollar dispute with those business entities. Joey obtained a preliminary injunction on the papers without a hearing, which caused the defendants to stipulate to entry of a final judgment and permanent injunction. Further, Joey authored the answer brief and litigated an appeal in *Yehezkel Nissenbaum, et al. v. AIM Recovery Services, Inc.*, Case No. 3D15-1000 (Fla. 3d DCA 2015), which resulted in the Third District Court of Appeal issuing a *per curiam* affirmation upholding a final judgment exceeding \$125,000.000. Similarly, in *Dantro LLP, et al. v. In rem Dantro Fund, et al.*, Case No. 12-ca-001643 (Fla. 20th Jud. Cir.), after obtaining a final summary judgment entitling plaintiff limited liability partnerships to recover \$90,000.00 from the Court Registry after it was stolen by their former managing partner, Joey successfully sought an order entitling plaintiffs to recover their attorneys’ fees and costs in maintaining the action against the former managing partner in his individual capacity as the real party in interest because he entered an appearance and sought to obtain the stolen funds for himself, purportedly on behalf of the dissolved partnerships. Joey argued and won the motion before the trial court, then successfully defended the order on appeal to the Second District Court of Appeal. See *Edward Adkins v. Dantro LLP, et al.*, Case No. 2D16-4751 (Fla. 2d DCA 2017).

A life-long Florida native, Joey attained a Bachelor’s degree in Creative Writing from Florida State University (B.A., 2012) and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Miami School of Law (J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2015).

While at the University of Miami, Joey was a member of the Race and Social Justice Law Review, served as Dean’s Fellow for the Contracts and Elements courses, earned the Dean’s Certificate of Achievement in Evidence and Elements courses, received honors in litigation skills, and was on the Dean’s List multiple times.

Joey also gained invaluable experience as a judicial intern for the Honorable Magistrate Judge Jonathan Goodman in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and as a certified legal intern for the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, Misdemeanor Domestic Violence Division.

Joey's attention to detail and commitment to professionalism ensure that clients will receive individualized attention and care in crafting creative legal solutions to meet their particularized needs.

He is a Member of the American Bar Association, the Florida Bar, the North Carolina Bar, the Dade County Bar Association, and is admitted to practice in the State of Florida, the United States District Courts for the Southern, Middle, and Northern Districts of Florida, as well as the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Joey currently resides in Pinecrest, Florida, with his wife, Melody, and daughters, Soleil and Mischa, who inspire him every day to keep fighting for those who need it most. "I can feel proud when I tell them what I do for a living, and that I do it all for them, to make the world we live in better. It's a beautiful thing."

**Barbara Lewis.** Barbara is an Associate Attorney at The Moskowitz Law Firm. Most of her practice has focused on representing consumers in multi-state class action litigation, complex commercial litigation and multidistrict litigation. She handles a broad range of disputes, including force-placed insurance litigation and complex nationwide litigation relating to health insurance, products liability, false advertising, fraudulent business practices, and other consumer issues. Her fluency in Spanish makes her a valued source to the firm's Hispanic and multicultural clients in South Florida. She has authored various publications including *Amending Rule 23: Modernizing Class Notice and Debunking Bad-Faith Objectors*, published by the Federal Litigation Section of the Federal Bar Association (SideBAR) in Spring 2017, and *Lawsuits Target Hidden Fees, Pass-Through Charges*, published by the Daily Business Review in July 2016.



Barbara also briefly worked at Clarke Silvergate, P.A. where her practice consisted of litigating employment law and general commercial matters. She defended employers against a variety of discrimination and wrongful termination lawsuits in federal and state court. She was instrumental in authoring and arguing various discovery motions against the plaintiff in a contentious sexual harassment dispute which led to a successful mediation. Barbara also represented insurance companies nationwide in a variety of breach of contract actions. In this capacity, she briefed and successfully obtained summary judgment in *Dwyer v. Globe Life and Accident Insurance Company*, Case No. 2:19-cv-14071 (S.D. Fla.), where the plaintiff demanded accidental death insurance benefits on behalf of an insured who had overdosed on illegal drugs. The court's opinion not only clarified existing Florida insurance law, but also created new Florida law on accidental death coverage.

Barbara was born in Cuba but has been a long time Miami resident. She obtained her Bachelor's degree with honors in Government from the University of Virginia in 2012, and her Juris Doctorate degree *cum laude* from the University of Miami School of Law in 2015. While at the University of Miami, Barbara earned the CALI Excellence for the Future Award and Dean's Certificate of Achievement, awarded to the highest scoring student in the class, in her Legal Communication and Research courses. She interned at the Investor Rights Clinic, where she represented under-served investors in securities arbitration claims against their brokers before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). She was also a member of the school's International Moot Court Program and earned Second Place in the Moot Madrid competition, an international commercial arbitration competition that is conducted entirely in Spanish.

**John E. Rodstrom.** John is an Associate at The Moskowitz Law Firm, whose practice includes complex commercial litigation, bank fraud litigation, and class action litigation, government relations, land use and zoning, and lobbying.

John has litigated cases from complaint preparation through trial: taking and defending depositions, managing the discovery process, conducting legal research, creating and implementing complex eDiscovery reviews and related protocols, drafting and arguing various motions, and selecting and hiring expert witnesses.

Prior to joining The Moskowitz Law Firm, John served as the Lead Associate in a case where he successfully defended multiple members of an Indian Tribe's Tribal Council against a nine-figure lawsuit.

Additionally, he served as Lead Associate in a large class action lawsuit where he successfully represented 9,300 Broward County businesses against Florida Power & Light Co. and others.

In addition to his legal career, John is a Member of Fort Lauderdale's Budget Advisory Board where he works with the City Commission and City Staff in creating the city's annual \$1.1B+ budget. He is also a Member of the Board of Advisors for the Broward County Salvation Army and is the Chairman for the Salvation Army's Adult Rehabilitation Center's Advisory Council in Fort Lauderdale, FL.





The Moskowitz Law Firm focuses only on large-scale class actions and complex commercial litigation, typically against parties represented by larger, premier law firms. Its attorneys have played a leading role in significant class actions and complex litigation across the country that have made a real difference in the world and on behalf of consumers across the country. With deep roots in the local Miami community, the attorneys at The Moskowitz Law Firm have been avid supporters of several non-profit and education related organizations for over two decades, earning the good will of colleagues, clients and neighbors. After teaching Class Action Litigation at the University of Miami for over 26 years, in 2016, Adam Moskowitz, along with his other co-counsel in the force placed cases, organized the University of Miami Class Action Conference, an annual event which included Class Action Panels with various federal judges, state attorney generals and numerous plaintiff and defense counsel and awards scholarships to students interested in class action litigation.

## 2019 'Family of the Year'

**We Salute the Moskowitz Family, honored as the Committee of 100's 2019 'Family of the Year'**

Each year, Temple Beth Am is proud to recognize an outstanding family of volunteers. Congratulations to the **Moskowitz Family** — **Jessica, Adam, Serafina, Michael and Samantha** — who were honored on March 10, 2019 as recipients of the **Committee of 100's 2019 "Family of the Year" Award**, for their continued participation in our Temple community and their ongoing commitment to congregational leadership.



Jessica's TBAM journey began almost a decade ago in the Tot Shabbat and Mommy and Me programs, with the oldest of her three Temple Beth Am Day School students **Serafina**. She has been involved as a lay leader in the Temple Beth Am Day School for several years, including being a room parent, and for two years was Co-Chair of the Day School Annual Auction (2017 and 2018). Jessica is a member of the Day School Board, and is now Co-President of **PATIO** (Parent and Teacher Involvement Organization). She previously chaired the Grandparents & Special Friends Day Committee, served as Vice

President of the Elementary School on the PATIO Board and is currently enrolled in Temple Beth Am's *Atideynu* leadership training program.

**Adam**, founding partner of [The Moskowitz Law Firm](#), is in his 26th year on the faculty at the University of Miami School of Law teaching Class Action Litigation, and donates his salary back to the school for student scholarships. He helped establish the annual Class Action Forum at the UM School of Law. Last year, Adam helped organize a new group of parent volunteers to launch the inaugural Day School Chanukah Games on December 21, 2018 — [watch video](#). All 230 elementary school students participated in 12 physical and mental activities, and Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Adam is active in the Alexander Muss High School in Israel program, having been a student and then a *Madrich* (counselor). He is passionate about Israel and works tirelessly in behalf of AIPAC in Washington, DC. A member of the "Beyond the Curve" Capital Campaign Committee, he proudly coaches his daughter's 3rd grade Beth Am Basketball League team and is a frequent guest reader in his childrens' classrooms.

**Serafina** (*pictured at right*) is a third grader at Temple Beth Am Day School where she began her studies in Early Childhood in Junior Pre-Nursery. She enjoys art, tennis, Beth Am Basketball League, spending time with her friends and setting out on her own path in life.

**Michael**, a first grader at Temple Beth Am Day School who also began here in the Early Childhood, also loves playing tennis at Coral Oaks, basketball and spending time with friends and family in Miami and North Carolina.

In Fall 2019, **Samantha**, a Pre-K student, will find her way across the quad to Kindergarten. Eager to learn to read and write, her spunky personality comes shining through, especially during After School U's Hip Hop.



(Family Photo by Anastasia Murphy — [Stasia Shoots](#))

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## National Class Action Litigator Opens Up About Stress, Quitting Drinking

by Celia Ampel

Adam Moskowitz realized a few years ago that he needed to make a change.

One of the top federal class action lawyers in the country, Moskowitz has led enormous cases including force-placed insurance litigation that recovered more than \$5 billion for homeowners who alleged their mortgage servicers took kickbacks from insurers.

But with huge victories came a lot of stress — and he wasn't handling it well.

"As the cases became more stressful and they became larger and I was traveling a lot more, I found myself getting more unhealthy," said Moskowitz, who was leading the class action practice at Kozyak Tropin & Throckmorton in Coral Gables. "A lot of the lifestyles of lawyers involve drinking and involve celebrating. When you win a big case, you open champagne."

Drinking became his go-to method for relieving stress, and while it wasn't affecting his work, he felt he was on a "path to destruction." Moskowitz realized something had to give.

"Having a beautiful wife and having three kids made me really analyze my situation," he said. "I looked around and there were terrible things happening to people. People were committing suicide that I knew."

A lot of lawyers deal with mental health issues but don't feel they can talk about them, he said. The issue has become a focus of the Florida Bar, particularly after the suicide of powerhouse litigator Ervin Gonzalez last year.

"You're fighting people so often that they're looking for any weakness in you, and you don't want to admit, maybe, that you have a problem," Moskowitz said. "Or you don't want to seek help from those people that you're probably around the most because of this competition and how vicious our industry can be."

Moskowitz quit drinking and got back to old habits of running races and practicing yoga. The resulting mental clarity gave the 50-year-old the resolve to strike out on his own, leaving the firm he'd joined as a second-year associate in 1993. He still has working and personal relationships with his old partners at Kozyak Tropin, but that firm wasn't his dream.

"I want my own future," he said. "I want to create my own legacy and have my own traditions and really focus in on class actions."

Two months after founding the Moskowitz Law Firm with partner



J. ALBERT DIAZ

Coral Gables litigator Adam Moskowitz said he wants to help stoke honest conversations about stress and mental health in the legal profession.

Howard Bushman, Moskowitz leads a firm with four attorneys, several support staff and an office in downtown Coral Gables. He admits he's scared, but mentors such as legendary Miami attorney Aaron Podhurst told him they were scared, too — and it all worked out.

Moskowitz knows about perseverance, starting with his upbringing after his father left.

"My mom was amazing," he said. "With nothing, she moved to Miami with my sister and I, and she worked five jobs. Five jobs. She was a nurse. She was a receptionist. She was a hostess. She did summer jobs — she worked at my summer camp as the nurse so we could go for free."

Moskowitz said his mother also begged a private school to let him attend on a scholarship. From there he went to college, studied abroad in London and worked in Israel, all thanks to her.

### BENLATE CASES

When he graduated from the University of Miami School of Law, he joined a five-attorney firm that sent him during his second week to speak with a grower whose claimed his plants were dying because of the DuPont Co. fungicide Benlate. The firm took about 70 similar cases.

"They said, 'Adam, you go handle them,'" Moskowitz said. "You go travel around the state of Florida to Apopka, to Dade City, to Plant City, to Tallahassee. I was a first-year associate. I knew nothing. I was getting killed. ... I was learning trial by fire."

But he broke the cases open during a trip to Costa Rica when he learned about Benlate studies done there that produced "horrible" results. In sworn interrogatories, DuPont said it had not done any testing in Costa Rica. Moskowitz's firm made a long-shot move and asked the judge to strike the pleadings and find against DuPont on liability — and she did.

The resulting settlements led to infighting over money and ethical issues among the partners, and the firm broke up. Moskowitz decided to take his cases with him to Kozyak Tropin. As a second-year associate, he negotiated a contract that would give him a percentage of the fees. Soon afterward, he did the openings and closings for a trial that led to a \$130 million jury verdict against DuPont.

Forced-place insurance has been much of Moskowitz's focus for the past decade. He's also known for representing victims of Scott Rothstein's \$1.2 billion Ponzi scheme and serving as lead counsel in a currency-conversion class action against American Express

and securities litigation against Lancer Partners, among other cases.

At his new firm, he's leading class action litigation alleging life insurance companies are charging illegal rates to people near the end of their lives.

### TAKE CARE

His career isn't not slowing down. But Moskowitz now understands the importance of taking care of himself. He's thrilled about organizing the kids' field day at his synagogue, quipping that these days, he'd rather make the Temple Beth Am Commentator than the front page of the Wall Street Journal.

Moskowitz hopes he can inspire even one attorney struggling with drinking or stress to do something about it.

"The tragedies are these people who commit suicide and they leave their children orphans," he said, beginning to choke up. "We had somebody in our school who died — her son is in our son's class. I can only imagine if my son grew up without a father. Maybe if that lawyer or that person says, 'Yeah, things are rough, but you know, Adam went through it, and he's a tougher person as a result of dealing with it. Maybe I'll go see somebody. Maybe I'll go talk to somebody.'"

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### ADAM MOSKOWITZ

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**Spouse:** Jessica Moskowitz

**Children:** Serafina, Michael, Samantha

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## David Boies



Since its founding in 1997 David Boies has been the Chairman of Boies Schiller & Flexner LLP. Prior to 1997 Mr. Boies was a partner at Cravath, Swaine & Moore.

Mr. Boies attended and received a B.S. from Northwestern University (1964), an LL.B., magna cum laude from Yale University (1996), and an LL.M. from New York University (1967).

He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and the International Academy of Trial Lawyers; and a Trustee of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and New York University Law School Foundation. He is the author of numerous publications including *Courting Justice* (2004), *Redeeming the Dream* (with Ted Olson), and *Public Control of Business* (with Paul Verkuil) (1977). He has taught courses at New York University Law School and Cardozo Law School.

Mr. Boies is a leading class action lawyer whose cases have included many of the largest and most successful class actions in history, four of which have resulted in more than \$1 billion. He is currently lead counsel or co-lead counsel for plaintiffs In re: Blue Cross Blue Shield Antitrust Litigation, MDL 2406, U.S District Court, Northern District of Alabama; In re: Takata Airbag Products Liability Litigation, MDL 2599, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida (Miami); In re: Google Digital Advertising Antitrust Litigation, MDL 3010, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York; and In re: Grupo Televisa Sec. Litigation, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York. Brown v. Google LLC, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, No. 4:20-cv-03664.

He is the recipient of Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from New York University, the University of Redlands, New York Law School and the University of New Hampshire

School of Law, and an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Chicago Theological Seminary.

Mr. Boies has been selected as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World by Time Magazine. He has been named Global International Litigator of the Year by Who's Who Legal an unprecedented seven times, as well the Litigator of the Year by The American Lawyer; the Lawyer of the Year by The National Law Journal; runner-up Person of the Year by Time magazine; the Antitrust Lawyer of the Year by the New York Bar Association; and Star Individual by *Chambers USA*. He has been named in *Best Lawyers in America* for more than 25 years, Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers from 2005 to 2019 and in 2013, was named one of the Top 50 Big Law Innovators of the Last 50 Years by The American Lawyer. His awards include the ABA medal from the American Bar Association, the Award of Merit from the Yale Law School, the Vanderbilt Medal from New York University Law School, the Pinnacle Award from the International Dyslexia Association, the William Brennan Award from the University of Virginia, the Role Model Award from Equality Forum, the Lead by Example Award from the National Association of Women Lawyers, the Eisendrath Bearer of Light Award from the Union of Reform Judaism, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Mississippi Center for Justice, the National Equality Award from the Human Rights Campaign, and the Award for Public Service from the Woodrow Wilson Center.

Mr. Boies served as Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Antitrust Subcommittee in 1978 and Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in 1979.

In 1991-1993, Mr. Boies was counsel to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, recovering US\$1.2 billion from companies who sold junk bonds to failed savings and loan associations. In 1998-2000, he served as special trial counsel for the US Department of Justice in its antitrust suit against Microsoft.

In 2000, Mr. Boies served as lead counsel for former Vice President Al Gore in connection with litigation relating to the Florida vote count. In 2009-2013, as co-lead counsel for the plaintiffs in *Perry v Brown*, he won a judgement establishing for the first time the United States constitutional right for gay and lesbian citizens to marry.

Mr. Boies recovered a record US\$4 billion for his client American Express in its landmark antitrust case against Visa and MasterCard; successfully defended NASCAR in antitrust litigation that charged NASCAR with monopolizing the market for championship auto racing; won a jury verdict for his client Starr international in a case against AlDavid BG over the ownership of US\$4.5 billion in disputed assets; and won a US\$1.3 billion jury verdict for his client Oracle against SAP for copyright infringement.